

**UNITED STATES DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE**

Farm Service Agency  
Room 3416, 700 West Capitol Avenue  
Little Rock, Arkansas 72201

**ARKANSAS NOTICE FLP-98**

**For:** County Offices

**Secretarial Natural Disaster Determination S1766**

**Approved by:** State Executive Director



**1 Overview**

**A Purpose**

The purpose of this notice is to advise those counties where Farm Service Agency (FSA) Emergency Loan Assistance (EM) is available to eligible family farmers and ranchers.

**B Contact**

If there are questions regarding this notice:

County Offices shall contact Tom Howard, Farm Loan Programs Specialist, at 501-301-3035 or  
Email: tom.howard@ar.usda.gov

**2 Action**

**A Disaster Area**

Effective April 3, 2003, Seventy-five (75) Arkansas counties were designated as a natural disaster area due to damages and losses caused by adverse weather.

**Disposal**

May 1, 2004

**Distribution**

All County Offices

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### 2 Action (Continued)

#### Drought that occurred from July 1 through December 31, 2002

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Calhoun	Fulton	Marion	Searcy
Carroll	Garland	Miller	Sebastian
Clark	Grant	Montgomery	Sevier
Clay	Hempstead	Nevada	Sharp
Cleburne	Hot Spring	Newton	Stone
Cleveland	Howard	Perry	Union
Columbia	Izard	Pike	Van Buren
Conway	Johnson	Polk	Washington
Crawford	Lafayette	Pope	Yell

#### Excessive rain that occurred from July 1 through December 31, 2002

Arkansas	Desha	Lee	Poinsett
Ashley	Drew	Lincoln	Prairie
Bradley	Greene	Lonoke	Randolph
Chicot	Independence	Mississippi	St. Francis
Craighead	Jackson	Monroe	White
Crittenden	Jefferson	Ouachita	Woodruff
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In accordance with Section 321(a) of the Consolidated Farm and Rural Development Act, the following counties are named as contiguous disaster counties:

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### **B Application Processing**

Emergency loan applications will be received through December 3, 2003, and applications pending on that date may be processed and completed. EM loans will be made under 3-FLP Direct Loan Making.

This notification is coded S1766.

Also, for the purpose of establishing security values as set forth in 3-FLP, paragraph 171 when determining loan security values for loan applications, the beginning date of the incidence period is July 1, 2002.

Farm Loan Managers will ensure that the notification and coordination actions are taken. Designated counties and adjoining counties will send a copy of the attached news release to all media in the county. (See attached Exhibit 1)

### **C Filing Instructions**

In offices with FmHA procedure, file this notice preceding 1945-D. Otherwise, file chronological order with FLP series notices.

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FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact:

Phone:

Arkansas Counties Eligible For USDA Emergency Farm Loans

Washington, D. C., April 3, 2003 -- Secretary of Agriculture Ann M. Veneman approved Seventy-five (75) counties in Arkansas to be eligible for Farm Service Agency emergency farm loans due to losses caused by drought and excessive rain.

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Farmers in the disaster area's have until December 3, 2003, to apply for the loans to help cover part of their actual losses. To be eligible, producers must have suffered at least a 30-percent loss of normal production in a single enterprise, be able to repay the loan and any other loans, be unable to obtain credit elsewhere, and have adequate security.

Additional information regarding eligibility and other loan requirements may be obtained by contacting your local FSA county office. The Farm Service Agency is an Equal Opportunity Lender.